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To Commissioner For Patents

Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

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| Application Number | 09/825,045 |
| Filing Date | APRIL 3, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | MIROSLAV TRAJKOVIC |
| Group Art Unit | 2643 |
| Examiner Name | STELLA L. WOO |
| Attorney Docket Number | US010168 |

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the supplemental amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____, (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. **Preliminary Amendment**

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement

iv. Other _____ (may not be a brief)

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))

b. Other _____

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